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PETITION FEE Under 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g) & (h) TRANSMITTAL (Fees are subject to annual revision) Send completed form to: MS Post Issue Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/530,013-Conf. #7256
	Filing Date	April 24, 2000
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	Art Unit	1655
	Examiner Name	R. J. Gitomer
	Attorney Docket Number	0032-0254P

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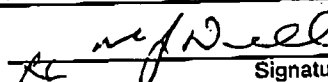
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 § 1.36(a) - for revocation of a power of attorney by fewer than all applicants.
 § 1.53(a) - to accord a filing date.
 § 1.57(a) - to accord a filing date.
 § 1.182 - for decision on a question not specifically provided for.
 § 1.183 - to suspend the rules.
 § 1.378(a) - for reconsideration of decision on petition refusing to accept delayed payment of maintenance fee in an expired patent.
 § 1.741(b) - to accord a filing date to an application under § 1.740 for extension of a patent term.

Petition Fees under 37 CFR 1.17(g): Fee \$200 Fee Code 1463

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 § 1.14 - for access to an application.
 § 1.47 - for filing by other than all the inventors or a person not the inventor.
 § 1.68 - for expungement of information.
 § 1.103(a) - to suspend action in an application.
 § 1.136(b) - for review of a request for extension of time when the provisions of section 1.136(a) are not available.
 § 1.295 - for review of refusal to publish a statutory invention registration.
 § 1.296 - to withdraw a request for publication of a statutory invention registration filed on or after the date the notice of intent to publish issued.
 § 1.377 - for review of decision refusing to accept and record payment of a maintenance fee filed prior to expiration of a patent.
 § 1.650(c) - for patent owner requests for extension of time in *ex parte* reexamination proceedings.
 § 1.956 - for patent owner requests for extension of time in *inter partes* reexamination proceedings.
 § 6.12 - for expedited handling of a foreign filing license.
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 § 1.84 - for accepting color drawings or photographs.
 § 1.81 - for entry of a model or exhibit.
 § 1.102(d) - to make an application special.
 § 1.138(c) - to expressly abandon an application to avoid publication.
 § 1.313 - to withdraw an application from issue.
 § 1.314 - to defer issuance of a patent.


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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Hiroyuki SHIMIZU et al.

Allowed: N/A

Application No.: 09/530,013

Confirmation No.: 7256

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Art Unit: 1655

For: METHOD FOR INHIBITING THE
DEGRADATION OF BRAIN NATRIURETIC
PEPTIDES IN A SPECIMEN COMPRISING
THE USE OF CONTAINERS MADE OF OR
COATED WITH SILICONE OR PLASTICS

Examiner: R. J. Gitomer

**PETITION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM
ISSUE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.313 (c) (1-3)**

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Sir:

Petitioner hereby petitions the Commissioner to withdraw the above-identified application from issue. The Issue Fee in this application was timely paid on April 24, 2006.

It is requested that the above-mentioned application be withdrawn from Issue for the following reason:

☐ Unpatentability of one or more claims, which petition must be accompanied by an unequivocal statement that one or more claims are unpatentable, an amendment to such claim or claims, and an explanation as to how the amendment causes such claim or claims to be patentable (37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(1));

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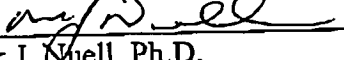
☒ Consideration of a request for continued examination in compliance with § 1.114 (37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2)); or

☐ Express abandonment of the application. Such express abandonment may be in favor of a continuing application (37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(3)).

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: May 19, 2006

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